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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I oppose the approval of the recent petition submitted to the FCC by the US Telecom Association. The approval would eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines, and to use fiber to connect our networks around the state. This would impair the ability of competitive providers to deploy new gigabit fiber service. The US Telecom petition is a huge step backwards for competition and for consumers.

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